GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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COMMUNITY MINING OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

:

(a) whether the Government proposes community mining of coal to check pilferage/illegal mining and enhance its production;

(b)if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which it is likely to commence;

(c)whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries especially the South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) and the Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) are following the policy of outsourcing to earn profit;

(d)if so, the details thereof?

(e)if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to make CIL and its subsidiaries profit making units;

(f)the number of workers engaged in outsourcing, company-wise;

g)the emoluments of permanent workers and workers employed for outsourcing work;

h) whether the major area of the Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) specially in Barjora P.S. in the district of Bankura, West Bengal is reserved for coking coal; and

i)if so, the time by which the production will commence in that area?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer given in part (a) above.

(c) & (d) In view of increasing demand of coal and in order to achieve better economics of operations, CIL and its subsidiaries have outsourced some of the activities such as mechanized extraction of coal, removal of over burden, transport of coal and sand etc. in some of the mines.

(e)Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries are taking following measures to increase profitability :-

i) Phasing out of manual loading by introduction of mechanized loading in underground mines,

ii) Introduction of Mass Production Technology with continuous miner.

iii)Rationalisation of manpower,

iv)Opening more greenfield projects of high capacity,

v) Increasing availability and utilization of heavy earth moving machinery to improve the productivity of opencast mines.

(f)&(g) Outsourcing in C1L, wherever resorted to, is done mainly by hiring equipment from outside agencies for mechanized extraction of coal, over burden removal and transportation of coal and sand. The agencies deploy their own workforce for operation of these hired equipments for a specified job. The permanent workers of C1L are paid wages as per the agreement between the management and the recognized trade unions. The information regarding numbers of workers engaged in outsourcing and emoluments drawn by them is being collected and will be laid on theTable of the House.

(h) No, Sir.

(i) CMPDI is carrying out detailed exploration in the ECL blocks. A programme of detailed exploration has also been envisaged to take up drilling in Barjora South block in the XI plan period.